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15th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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Dear Neighbors,

It has been my honor to serve District 15 since April.

District 15 boundaries now stretch from Washington Park to the north and south to Alverno. Our district is as diverse as Milwaukee County and its residents have shared their priorities with me. I understand we must invest in public safety, better fund our parks, and ensure public transit connects our community. The limited resources available must meet resident needs and we need to carefully prioritize our investments.

In a short amount of time, my office accomplished a great deal, thanks in no small part to you, my amazing constituents. 15th District residents not only take pride in being neighborly and taking care of their properties, but also find creative solutions to concerns that they advocate for with an admirable fervor.

A few noteworthy community accomplishments with the help of my office include the Valley Park bubbler repair, the Lyons Park basketball court installation, re-naming the roadway through Washington Blvd. as Olmsted Way, and ensuring the 2023 County budget reflects our shared community values. This newsletter includes a few photos of these, and other, notable moments from 2022.

I hope you will take a moment to look at what I've been working on, what's next, and how you can make your voice heard!

As always, thank you for your calls, emails, and messages. It's my privilege to work for you!

Sincerely,

Peter Burgelis (he/him)

Thank You
for your continued support.
Let's get to work, District 15! Milwaukee County Supervisor - District 15

Olmsted Way: Chairwoman Nicholson and Supervisor Burgelis Spur Road Improvements and a New Name



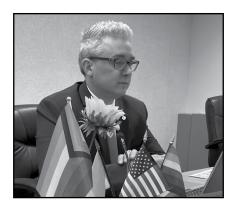




Washington Park's roadway has a new name – Olmsted Way after Frederick Law Olmsted in honor of his 200th birthday celebration. Olmsted is regarded as the first landscape architect and introduced a then novel idea that green spaces in cities should be accessible to the public for recreation. Olmsted designed Lake, Riverside and Washington parks in Milwaukee County in the 1890s. The new roadway name reaffirms Milwaukee County's commitment that our shared green spaces must be prioritized for the health of our community. On Monday, Oct. 31, County Executive David Crowley and Supervisor Peter Burgelis celebrated the occasion by unveiling the Olmsted Way sign with neighbors and National Olmsted Association leaders.

2023 Budget Invests in Acute Community Needs While Prioritizing Fiscal Responsibility

Milwaukee County passed the \$1.2 billion 2023 operating budget which addresses acute community needs through targeted investments and takes steps forward in becoming the healthiest county in the state by continuing to advance the strategic plan to achieve racial equity.



Supervisor Burgelis listening to debate at the May meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

"Budgets are about priorities, and I applaud the County Board for their work in helping pass a budget that prioritizes public health, public safety, mental health, substance abuse, youth services, parks and our County's fiscal future," said County **Executive David** Crowley. "I'm proud to say that despite the challenges we faced,

the 2023 Budget is a product of a collaborative process that remains a reflection of our shared values and our organizational vision of achieving race and health equity."

The \$1.176 billion 2023 operating budget addresses acute needs with targeted investments in the County's vision and strategic focus areas. Highlights of the budget include:

Investing in Equity

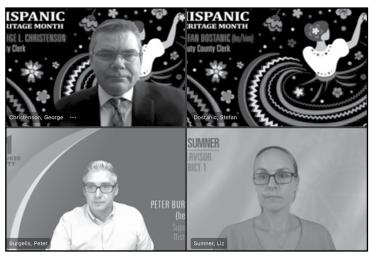
- \$21 million investment in adult behavioral health services
- Increasing total Credible Messengers to \$1.7 million
- Expanding Children's Long-Term Support program budget to \$32.4 million
- Largest increase in Parks Dept. funding since 1989, including 17 new full-time positions

Bridging the Gap

- Funding Center for Forensic Science and Protective Medicine, jointly with State of Wisconsin
- Increasing programmatic funding for the Community Reintegration Center
- Creates 9 new positions in CRC to expand support in areas of psychiatric social work, community outreach, quality assurance, administration, and operations.
- No major service cuts despite annual structural budget deficit

Creating Intentional Inclusion

- Increasing compensation and vacation days to improve recruitment and retention; adding funding to increase diversity in County government through recruitment
- Reimagine Community Business Development Partners as the Office of Economic Inclusion
- Creates two more positions in Office of Equity to increase County's presence and visibility in hard-to-reach communities.



Supervisor Burgelis hears budget presentations made to the Committee on Finance.

"This budget is grounded in the financial realities we face and makes small sacrifices to close deficits and protect the continuation of critical services in 2023. These were tough decisions for us all to make, but it is indicative of the many tough decisions that may lie ahead if a new revenue stream is not introduced to close our annual structural deficit," continued Crowley. "As other communities throughout Wisconsin have passed budgets this year, we've seen elected officials in those communities sound the alarm on the need for additional revenue to meet the needs of their residents."

Milwaukee County continues to be leader in the MoveForwardMKE coalition, a partnership between the business community, state legislators, municipal governments, and community groups, to advocate at the state level for a local option sales tax increase to decrease property taxes, address legacy costs, and preserve critical local services. Even with a 1 percent increase in the sales tax, the County would maintain one of the lowest sales taxes in the nation for a community our size and generate \$180 million in additional revenue – matching the scale of the problem at the lowest cost to taxpayers with no budgetary impacts on the state budget.

Learn more about the MoveForwardMKE Coalition at www.moveforwardmke.com.



Supervisor Burgelis listening to constituents voice their concerns at the County Board's Annual Public Hearing.

2023 Milwaukee County Budget

Supervisor Burgelis's successful budget amendments prioritized transit investments and Parks operations. The Board restored funding to County Parks capital projects which the County Executive had cut from his proposed budget. The Board adopted budget lowered the County Executive's proposed tax levy by \$125,539. While modest in comparison to the \$1.379 billion budget, "every dollar you save is a dollar you can count."

When evaluating the County Executive's proposed budget, the County Board prioritized our Parks and transit services. Funding was added for Paratransit taxi service through all of 2023 so that the program can be reconfigured to comply with new Federal rules. We set up a contingency fund for Parks so that aquatics programs and more pools can open with higher pay to recruit enough lifeguards. Though the County /Executive defunded them, the County Board restored funding to number of capital projects including Lyons Park Playground, Underwood Creek Road, Bender Park, Lincoln Park, South Shore Breakwater, Parks Bridges Repairs and Replacements, Schulz Aquatic Pool, Noyes park, Cool Waters, Mitchell Park, Greenfield Park, Simmons Baseball, Senior Center Exterior lighting, fire protection and security systems, and critical repairs at the Charles Allis Museum. The Board also created a Transit Safety and Security task force so that future planning can better accomplish goals to increase safety for passengers and bus operators. The Board also moved \$40,000 of funding for West Milwaukee Park tennis / pickleball courts from the Parks Department overtime budget to tax levy funding. These budget adjustments make the County Executive's proposal better - they improve the County's fiscal responsibility and enhance resident quality of life.

Supervisor Burgelis's Legislative Successes This Term

- **22-556** Supporting the people of Ukraine and condemning the unprovoked aggression and war crimes committed by Russian Federation soldiers in Ukraine (signed 6/2/2022)
- **22-740** Declaring a stated preference against any direct investment of County funds in Russian or Belarusian assets (*signed 7/6/2022*)
- **22-703** Repudiating the history of discriminatory covenants in Milwaukee County (*signed 6/23/2022*)
- **22-662** Reestablish the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth and align its priorities with Milwaukee County's mission and vision to achieve racial equity (*published 06/08/2022*)
- **22-659** Calling upon the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to hold public listening sessions in addition to its information sessions for the Interstate 94 (I-94) East-West Project from 70th Street to 16th Street, and calling for as much removal of the Stadium Freeway, designated as Wisconsin State Trunk Highway 175 (STH 175), as possible to return that land to the community (signed 9/9/2022)
- **22-672** Endorsing State of Wisconsin passing legislation which would fairly divide Register of Deeds fees between the State and the collecting county, and authorizing the Office of Government Affairs staff to request inclusion of this resolution as part of the 2022 Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) legislative platform (signed 9/9/2022)

- **22-727** Declaring a higher and better use for acres of parking lots, calling upon the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District to collaborate with the City of Milwaukee and Village of West Milwaukee to redevelop some of its parcels, and requesting the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) study dismantlement of the Stadium Freeway (STH 175) south of Interstate 94 (I-94) (signed 9/9/2022)
- **22-800** Providing for an advisory referendum on the November 8, 2022, election ballot to measure public opinion on allowing adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related activities, and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana (signed 8/19/2022)
- **22-776** providing for an advisory referendum on the November 8, 2022 election ballot to measure public opinion on whether the Wisconsin Legislature should prohibit the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of semi-automatic "military-style" firearms, whose prohibition is allowable under the Wisconsin and United States Constitutions (signed 8/19/2022)
- **22-927** In support of State of Wisconsin legislative changes ensuring access to abortion care (*signed 9/22/2022*)
- **22-957** Calling upon the State of Wisconsin to amend its statutes to allow for counties and municipalities to sell all types of alcohol in public parks (*adopted 9/22/2022*)
- **22-970** Recognizing the progress Milwaukee County has made as an organization in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion and encouraging further support for an approach recognizing the effect of intersectionality on individuals facing discrimination and promoting intentional LGBTQ+ inclusivity initiatives (adopted 9/22/2022)
- **22-931** Urging the Wisconsin State Fair Executive Director, Board of Directors, Police & Public Safety officials and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to develop a plan to secure the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds and host the Wisconsin State Fair without closing the Hank Aaron State Trail (adopted 9/22/2022)
- **22-895** Requesting the study of cost and implementation of providing inclusive restrooms with inclusive restroom signage in Milwaukee County facilities (adopted 9/22/2022)
- **22-868** In support of democracy and nonpartisan election administration (*signed 9/9/2022*)
- **22-867** Calling upon the State of Wisconsin to enact common sense gun regulations while respecting the right to bear arms ensured in the Wisconsin and United States Constitutions; and calling upon the State of Wisconsin to pursue as many federal funds available under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act as possible (signed 9/9/2022)
- **22-752** Authorizing and directing the Office of Government Affairs to request an opinion from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Wisconsin Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to determine if the Wisconsin state shared revenue and 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (signed 9/9/2022)
- **22-769** Celebrating the civic and design contributions of Frederick Law Olmsted to Washington Park, Milwaukee County, and the United States; and renaming the roadway in Washington Park to Olmsted Way (signed 9/9/2022)
- **22-324** Appropriating \$614,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to establish an Onsite Health Clinic at Milwaukee County Transport Services (MCTS) for the benefit of Transit employees to help improve access to health care and achieve health equity

Task Force Guides Spending of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

As a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the U.S. Congress provided Milwaukee County with \$183.6 million in federal funding. Milwaukee County has until the end of 2024 to decide how to spend its ARPA funding.

Notable projects that have been recommended by the ARPA Task Force include:

- \$18M to support affordable housing development and rehab of Milwaukee County foreclosures for first-time homebuyers.
- \$4.2M to support eviction prevention services for Milwaukee County residents. The funds provide a flexible housing subsidy to address residents in need of emergency assistance. Funds also provide tenants facing eviction free legal representation.
- \$6.7M to support Milwaukee County's behavioral health programming. Programming will provide an immediate influx of resources to combat the underlying issues of urgent problems including an increase in gun violence, substance abuse, and other mental health concerns in Milwaukee County.
- \$1.1M to increase the purchase and consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables by allowing double the dollars of FoodShare for participants at participating Milwaukee County farmers' markets.
- \$361,074 for an In-Home Monitoring Program 5 Project allocation
- \$32.3M to renovate the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center and co-locate staff with youth and adult systems of care, adapt to evolving program needs, create a welcoming and accessible environment, and address critical maintenance issues.
- \$1,610,627 of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program for Milwaukee County disaster operations in the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- \$15,760,119 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support Milwaukee County's Justice System.
- \$3,500,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support Milwaukee County tourism by investing in the Milwaukee County Zoo.
- \$10,150,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support Milwaukee County develop affordable housing.
- \$19,700,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support the sustainability of the Milwaukee County Transit System.
- \$4,500,000 of Wisconsin State ARPA funds to support the completion of the new Mental Health Emergency Center

These projects all meet the U.S. Treasury Department guidance on allowable uses for the APRA funds, which include:

- Supporting public health expenditures, such as COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
- Addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector

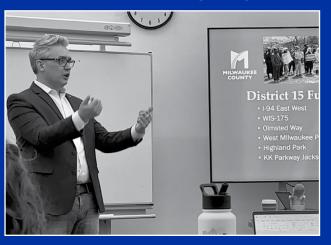
- Replacing lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic
- Providing premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors, and
- Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

The ARPA funding Milwaukee County received will help the county's recovery, but it is much less than the estimated \$300 to \$400 million Milwaukee County lost in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is also a one-time infusion of cash and does not effectively address Milwaukee County's long-term structural deficit. The imbalance will compel the County to dedicate a large portion of ARPA funds to recover costs incurred due to the pandemic.

Information on how to submit ideas to the ARPA Task Force, as well as records of allocated funds can be found at **county.milwaukee.gov/arpa.taskforce**.

Records of the ARPA Task Force, including meeting agendas, minutes, and archived videos of proceedings can be found at milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.

Supervisor Burgelis Speaks to UWM's Urban Planning Program



UWM's Master of Urban Planning students are required to take an intense 6 credit course called Public Policy Analysis, where they help clients come up with solutions to a problem. Supervisor Burgelis presented, and fielded questions from the class as they discussed increasing public engagement within the Milwaukee County Parks Department.

Supervisor Burgelis in the News

- TMJ4: Milwaukee Is One Step Closer To Having Its First-Ever LGBTQ+ Historical Landmark In The City Oct-05-2022
- JS Online: Milwaukee's Black Nite Tavern Set To Become The First LGBTQ Landmark In County History Oct-05-2022
- **Urban Milwaukee**: MCTS Working On Bus Security. Again. *Sep-07-2022*
- **Urban Milwaukee**: Board Approves Ungendered Bathrooms *Sep-27-2022*
- **CBS 58**: County Board Committee Approves Free Election Day Transit *Sep-06-2022*
- **WUWM 89.7**: Milwaukee Health Experts and Elected Officials Respond to Rising Monkeypox Cases *Aug-25-2022*
- **Urban Milwaukee**: Supervisors Seek Marijuana Referendum *Jul-05-2022*
- **Milwaukee Independent**: Supervisor Burgelis Seeks to Increase Public Awareness of Newest Health Hazard *Aug-10-2022*
- **CNN**: Milwaukee Officials are Offering \$28,000 for Information in the Killing of a Black Transgender Woman *Jul-01-2022*



Supervisor Burgelis applauding County Executive Crowley signing the McKinley Beach breakwater repair legislation



Supervisor Burgelis being interviewed by Kobe Brown of WUWM about the County's response to rising Monkeypox cases

- **JS Online**: Reward Grows to \$28,000 for Information Leading to Arrests in Brazil Johnson's Homicide *Jul-01-2022*
- OnMilwaukee: Washington Park Boulevard Renamed in Honor of Frederick Law Olmsted Jul-28-2022
- **WISN**: Crime Stoppers Offers \$28K For Information in Transgender Woman's Killing *Jul-01-2022*
- **Urban Milwaukee**: Brewers Could Lose Money on TIF Deal *Jun-15-2022*
- Milwaukee Business Journal: AmFam Field Entertainment District Would Require Buy-in From Brewers, City, State Officials *Jun-06-2022*
- JS Online: Possible Development at American Family Field Could Help Finance Stadium Renovations Jun-07-2022
- **Recombobulation Area**: Reimagining the Stadium Freeway is a Big Deal for Milwaukee *May-06-2022*
- CBS 58: Proposal to Bring Brewers Entertainment District to AmFam Field Heads to Committee Jun-06-2022
- Milwaukee Independent: County Supervisor Peter Burgelis Introduces Resolution Supporting the People of Ukraine Apr-19-2022

Your Parks, Your Voice

Milwaukee County Parks recently created a new project tracking website called Your Parks, Your Voice. The website will help shape the future of your park system. Get involved by taking surveys, polls, sharing ideas and providing feedback on a range of current and upcoming parks improvement projects. To get the latest updates on all projects, or your favorite projects, sign up at www.mkecountyparks.org.









From left: 1. Sup. Burgelis hosted Sup. Shawn Rolland, former Sup. Eddie Cullen, County Executive David Crowley and Parks Director Guy Smith for the ribbon cutting at the new Washington Park playground. **2.** Supervisor Burgelis joined seniors for a workout at the Washington Park Senior Center in celebration of National Senior Health & Fitness Day. **3.** Supervisor Burgelis oversaw the return of basketball hoops to Lyons Park.

Clean Energy Investments



Wisconsinites won big with the unprecedented climate and clean energy investments approved in the historic Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

LGBTQ+ Activists Receive Citations



Pictured: Supervisor Felesia Martin, Janice Colby, Supervisor Burgelis, and Don Schwamb.

Brewed in District 15



Supervisor Burgelis enjoying locally brewed beer with Congresswoman Gwen Moore.

Affordable Housing Legislation



Supervisor Burgelis stands with fellow County Supervisors as County Executive Crowley gives remarks in support of ARPA funding for affordable housing legislation.

Talking Development with WTMJ Radio



Supervisor Burgelis giving an interview to Radio 620 WTMJ on his vision for development in District 15.

The Future of Doyne Park



Supervisor Burgelis speaking to neighbors about the future of Doyne Park at the Wisconsin Humane Society.

Milwaukee County Commits \$45 Million to Fund New Milwaukee Public Museum



This rendering depicts the new Milwaukee Public Museum building.

Earlier this year the County Board of Supervisors approved (14-4) a proposal to contribute \$45 million in bonding to finance a new building for the Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM).

The museum has secured \$40 million in funding from the State of Wisconsin and is seeking \$5 million in federal grants. It plans to cover the remaining costs for the \$240 million project with a \$150 million private fundraising campaign.

Milwaukee County owns MPM's collections, including four million objects and specimens, which the museum cares for them. The resolution adopted the County Board allows Milwaukee County to save \$2.5 million in operating support each year.

The current building has \$50 million in deferred maintenance, which caused the Accreditation Commission at the American Alliance of Museums to delay MPM's accreditation, risking the museum's ability to seek some federal grants and host traveling exhibits.

The new museum, which MPM has indicated will be called the Wisconsin Museum of Nature and Culture, will be located at the northeast corner of Sixth and McKinley streets in downtown Milwaukee. In July, the museum released renderings of the new building designed by the firms Ennead Architects and Kahler Slater.

MPM is the most visited museum in the state with 550,000 visitors from every Wisconsin county, including 155,000 school-agers from 44 counties. It hosts 287 outreach programs experienced by 25,000 people across the state each year.

MPM plans to begin construction late next year and complete the project in spring 2026.

Get up-to-date information on FREE Milwaukee County Attractions at: county.milwaukee.gov/freedays

I-94 East-West Freeway Preferred Design

WIS-DOT released their preferred 8 lane and diverging diamond interchange design shortly after the November election. They are collecting public comments for submission to the Federally Transportation Administration for final approval in January.

"For years WIS-DOT has engaged community partners and nearby residents and modified previous design options for the I-94 reconstruction project. Today, the Transportation & Transit Committee of which I am a member heard from residents in-person and virtually – all of whom opposed the DOT's eight lane preferred design." said Supervisor Burgelis. "The rebuild of I-94 is overdue, necessary, and will spur thousands of local, family-supporting union jobs, but the six-lane option will best preserve quality of life for surrounding neighborhoods. The six-lane design combined with permanent transit investments will best serve the transportation needs of all of Milwaukee County."

Resolution 22-1180 calls for a "Fix-At-Six" design with permanent transit funding and was recommended for adoption by the Transportation and Transit committee (3-1) on November 29th. This will be considered by the full Milwaukee County Board on December 15th. More information on the I-94 East-West corridor project can be found at wisconsindot.gov/94eastwest.

County Board Adopts Proposal to Reimagine Committees

At its June meeting the County Board unanimously adopted a proposal by Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson to reimagine several standing committees to increase focus on sustainability, parks, transit, and the annual budget.

The following changes will be made to the County Board's standing committees:

- The Committee on Economic and Community Development would become the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic Development (CEED).
- The Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment would become the Committee on Parks and Culture (CPC).
- The Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services would become the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services (JLEG).
- The Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit would become the Committee on Transportation and Transit (T&T).

In addition, the ordinance change eliminates the regular County Board committee cycle in November to facilitate the annual budget process and allow Supervisors enhanced ability to focus on amending and passing the 2023 budget.



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Energy Assistance is Available

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!



1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

- 2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.
 - Apply October 1 May 15.
 - · Visit KeepWarmMKE.org or
 - Call 270-4MKE (4653). Dial 211 for after-hours help.
- 3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are conducted by phone. A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

*Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)



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county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

District 15 Quick Updates

Kinnickinnic River Parkway – Jackson Park Drive Redesign

The 2020 budget funded the design of Jackson Park Drive roadway, bike/pedestrian trail and stormwater management improvements. The project design encompasses several phases including concept development, design options, resident feedback, final design and engineering plans. On November 16th, Milwaukee County Parks hosted an Open House to share design proposals with neighbors. In the weeks leading up to the meeting, Parks staff visited properties adjacent to Jackson Park Drive and dropped off Open House invitations at every home north of Cleveland Ave. up to Kinnickinnic River Parkway and from 47th St. west to 60th St. About 60 residents attended the meeting and expressed their concerns and support for the project. Additional public comment is open until December 16, 2022 on the program website. You can also call or email Supervisor Burgelis (414) 278-4255 or peter.burgelis@milwaukeecountywi.gov. Additional neighborhood meetings are planned for 2023.

The project website includes a virtual walk through, design options, and public comment. www.mkecountyparks.org/kinnickinnic-river-parkway-jackson-park-drive

"Freeway to Wendy's" WIS-175 North-South Stadium Freeway Study

In May, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Craig Thompson announced a federally funded study on the opportunities to improve the corridor. Work has begun behind the scenes after the Consultant selection was made in September and is progressing on schedule. Local engineering firm Graef Inc. was the selected to run the project. Graef will coordinate 11 subconsultants and community-based organizations for the project. They are currently working on data gathering, initial agency coordination, public involvement plan, identifying stakeholders and engagement strategies. Neighborhood meetings are expected to start in 2023. I encourage everyone to speak up and participate. The study is expected to take 24 months with a final report by the end of 2024.

Doyne Park

Thank you to dozens of neighbors who attended two meetings to give input on the future of Doyne Park. I am hopeful that the future plan will involve residents and give the neighborhood a park they can be proud of, for decades to come.

Transit

WisGo in the Umo App™ is our newest way to plan your trip, track your bus, and pay for your ride, all in one place. Just download the app, create an account, and register your mobile device. MCTS East-West Bus Rapid Transit is expected to launch in mid 2023. Given that the project is delayed from early 2023 to mid 2023, I was able to convince MCTS to postpone dedicated bus lane road striping on Hawley Rd. and Wisconsin Avenue until the spring, when they will be needed for testing. An additional study on the 27th Street North-South Transit Enhancement is also underway.



The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and County Executive David Crowley celebrating Milwaukee County's 187th Birthday at the Milwaukee County Zoo.